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**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

The precipitated DNA fragments are rinsed with ethanol, followed by centrifugation. After that, the DNA fragments are dried to produce the DNA powder (purification step S12). A certain amount of x1 TE buffer is added to the obtained DNA powder, followed by being left to stand for several hours to completely dissolve the DNA powder (mixing step S13). Thus, the sample solution is prepared. The concentration of the sample solution at this stage is 0.1 to 10  $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{liter}$ .

**Substitute specification paragraph**